

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, beginning at the first line after general formula (2), with the following amended paragraph.

In general formula (2): R_F^3 represents a fluorine-containing substituent having at least 5 fluorine atoms. X^3 represents -NH-, -O- or -S-. Z^2 represents a polymethine chain of at least 5 carbon atoms. Each of R^{12} and R^{13} independently represents an alkyl group. These alkyl groups may have a substituent, and as preferable substituents, aryl groups such as a phenyl group, tolyl group and the like, alkoxy groups such as a methoxy group, ethoxy group, methoxyethoxy group and the like, aryloxy groups such as a phenoxy group, tolyloxy groups and the like, acid groups such as a carboxyl group, sulfonic group and the like or salts thereof, quaternary ammonium groups such as a triethylammonium group, tributylammonium group and the like, a hydroxyl group, amide groups and the like are exemplified.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1, with the following amended paragraph.

In general formula (4): R^{14} represents an alkyl group of at least 8 carbon atoms. X^3 represents -NH-, -O- or -S-. Z^2 represents a polymethine chain of at least 5 carbon atoms. Each of R^{12} and R^{13} independently represents an alkyl group, and may have the same substituents as in the general formula (2).